CalRHA Legislative Updates



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October 2022 Legislative Update

September 30th was the final for Govnernor Newsom to act on all legislation. Overall, the Governor signed about 85-86% of the bills that reached his desk. Below, please find the Governor's actions on key bills that CalRHA lobbied/sponsored:



Governor Gavin Newsom

- AB 916 (Salas). CalRHA sponsored bedroom addition bill (Sponsor)
- AB 1694 (Santiago). Adaptive reuse for multifamily (Support)
- AB 1738 (Boerner-Horvath). Electric Vehicle (EV) building standards
- AB 2011 (Wicks). Affordable Housing and High Roads Jobs Act (Support)
- AB 2139 (Gallagher). Local Rebuilding Plans (Support)
- AB 2221 (Quirk-Silva). Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) (Support)
- AB 2234 (Rivas and Grayson). Post Entitlement Permits
- AB 2503 (Garcia). AAOC Sponsored bill on "landlord, tenant" terms (Support)
- AB 2559 (Ward). Reusable Tenant Screening
 Reports
- AB 2668 (Grayson). Planning and zoning
 (Support)

SB 679 (Kamlager)

- LA County Affordable Housing (Oppose)
- SB 897 (Wieckowski) ADU bill with our negotiated height increase language (Support)

- SB 989 (Hertzberg). Property tax deferment (Support)
- <u>SB 1017 (Eggman)</u>. Termination of lease for abuse or violence (Oppose)
- SB 1157 (Hertzberg). Urban water use objectives
- <u>SB 1477 (Wieckowski)</u>. Wage garnishment (Oppose)
- SCA 2 (Allen and Wiener). Repeals Article 34 of the California Constitution, which requires development, construction, or acquisition of publicly-funded low-rent housing projects to be approved by a majority of voters in a city or county.

Additionally, the Governor vetoed:



CA Assemblymember Kelly Seyarto

AB 1687 (Seyarto). Governor's powers during emergencies

Veto message. To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1687 without my signature. This bill provides that the Governor, during a state of emergency or state of war emergency, may only suspend a statute or regulation

that is in connection with the specific conditions of the proclaimed emergency. At best, this bill is redundant and therefore unnecessary. The Emergency Services Act already requires any suspension of laws or regulations issued by the Governor during times of emergency or war be directly related to the mitigation of the declared emergency. By imposing duplicative obligations, this bill compromises the state's ability to swiftly respond to the needs of residents in times of crisis. Additional redundant layers of justification, as required by this bill, would only invite frivolous lawsuits. This could delay or derail state emergency response and recovery efforts, negatively impacting the most vulnerable California residents and potentially costing lives. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom